

Union Calendar No. 538

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6177

[Report No. 110–838]

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to modify the boundary of the
Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 4, 2008

Mr. RODRIGUEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 4, 2008]

A BILL

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boundary of the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Rio Grande Wild and*
5 *Scenic River Extension Act of 2008”.*

1 **SEC. 2. RIO GRANDE WILD AND SCENIC RIVER BOUNDARY**

2 **ADJUSTMENT.**

3 *Paragraph (17) of section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic*
4 *Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended to read as fol-*
5 *lows:*

6 “(17) *RIO GRANDE, TEXAS.*—

7 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The segment on the*
8 *United States side of the river from the west*
9 *boundary of Big Bend National Park, located at*
10 *approximately river mile 902.2, downstream to*
11 *the river mile 651.1 at the Terrell-Val Verde*
12 *County line; to be administered by the Secretary*
13 *of the Interior.*

14 “(B) *MAP.*—*The segment described in sub-*
15 *paragraph (A) is depicted on the map relating*
16 *to the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River titled*
17 *‘Proposed Wild & Scenic River Addition’, num-*
18 *bered 192/80,001, and dated March 1, 2007.*

19 “(C) *BOUNDARY.*—*The Secretary shall,*
20 *within two years after the date of enactment of*
21 *the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Exten-*
22 *sion Act of 2008, take such action with respect*
23 *to the segment referred to in this paragraph as*
24 *is provided for under subsection (b). The action*
25 *required by subsection (b) shall be undertaken by*
26 *the Secretary, after consultation with the United*

1 *States Commissioner, International Boundary*
2 *and Water Commission, United States and Mex-*
3 *ico, and appropriate officials of the State of*
4 *Texas and its political subdivisions. The develop-*
5 *ment plan required by subsection (b) shall be*
6 *construed to be a general management plan only*
7 *for the United States side of the river and shall*
8 *include, but not be limited to, the establishment*
9 *of a detailed boundary which shall include an*
10 *average of not more than 160 acres per mile.*

11 “(D) *TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS.*—*Noth-*
12 *ing in this Act shall be construed to be in con-*
13 *flict with—*

14 “(i) *the commitments or agreements of*
15 *the United States made by or in pursuance*
16 *of the treaty between the United States and*
17 *Mexico regarding the utilization of the Colo-*
18 *rado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio*
19 *Grande, signed at Washington, February*
20 *1944 (59 Stat. 1219), or*

21 “(ii) *the treaty between the United*
22 *States and Mexico regarding maintenance*
23 *of the Rio Grande and Colorado River as*
24 *the international boundary between the*

1 *United States and Mexico, signed November*
2 *23, 1970.*

3 “(E) NO EFFECT ON BORDER FENCE AND
4 THE BORDER PATROL.—Nothing in this para-
5 graph shall prevent or obstruct the planning,
6 construction, operation, or maintenance of a bor-
7 der fence in the area described in subparagraph
8 (A), and nothing in this paragraph shall affect
9 the operations or duties in such area of the De-
10 partment of Homeland Security, including the
11 Border Patrol, or of State or local law enforce-
12 ment agencies.”.

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